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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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GROUP ART UNIT: 3724

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EXAMINER: C. DEXTER

FOR: CIRCULAR SAW

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the final office action mailed April 23, 2002, the period for response having been extended from July 23, 2002 to August 23, 2002 by a petition for a one-month extension of time incorporated herein, please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-11, 13-17, 22-27, 29, 35-42, 44, 45, 48, 49 and 51-54 as

follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A circular saw comprising:  
a table having an upper surface for placing a workpiece thereon;  
a saw unit having a saw blade mounted thereon;

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